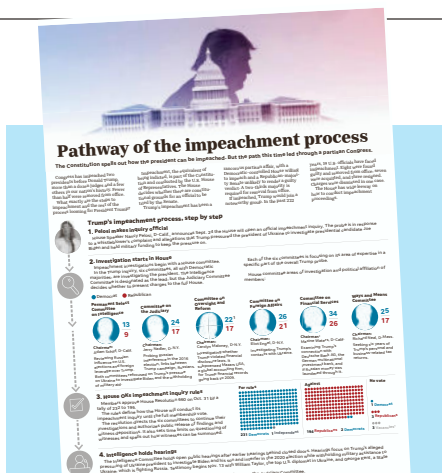


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The Democrats: No one is above the law; this is constitutional duty

The Republicans: No crimes committed; the process was unfair

The President: Nothing happened; this is an 'assault' on America

The People: U.S. divided; profoundly split on country's future



President Donald Trump boards Air Force One for a rally in Battle Creek, Mich., on Wednesday ahead of the House impeachment vote. EVAN VUCCI/AP

Historic vote in House: 'He gave us no choice'

John Fritze USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump became the third president in history to be impeached after the House Wednesday charged him with "high crimes and misdemeanors" over his request to Ukraine to investigate a political rival.

After a day of tense debate and fiery re-primations, the House voted largely along partisan lines, reshuffling American politics at a time when voters are profoundly divided over the nation's leadership and direction.

The Democratic-led House approved two articles of impeachment. The first accused

Trump of abusing his power by asking Ukrainian officials to announce investigations that would benefit his reelection. The second article charged Trump with obstructing the House investigation.

Though the historic vote ended a hurried effort by Democrats to advance impeachment articles before the end of the year - House Speaker Nancy Pelosi launched the inquiry into Trump's actions less than three months ago - it will kick off a rare trial in the Senate to determine whether the president will be removed from office.

Republican leaders expect that trial to begin

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Trump calls accusations against him 'atrocious lies'

Courtney Subramanian and David Jackson USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - In a historic split-screen moment, President Donald Trump blasted Democrats at a Michigan campaign rally Wednesday as the House began a vote to impeach him.

"By the way, it doesn't really feel like we're being impeached," Trump said, adding that the country has never done better and "we did nothing wrong."

Trump took the stage in Battle Creek as the House concluded an exhaustive day of debate over two articles of impeachment against

him.

"SUCH ATROCIOUS LIES BY THE RADICAL LEFT, DO NOTHING DEMOCRATS. THIS IS AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA, AND AN ASSAULT ON THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!" he tweeted earlier Wednesday.

The event marks Trump's fourth visit to Michigan since he took office and his second campaign rally in a battleground state this month.

Vice President Mike Pence also traveled to Michigan, firing up the crowd before Trump took the stage. He told the crowd Pelosi would get her say tonight, but "the Republican Senate is going to have their say in January."



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Key players to watch in the Senate trial

Democrats hope for a long shot; Republicans give case "zero chance"



AP

Clinton impeachment a study in contrasts

Former president was apologetic where Trump goes on attack



"It's tragic the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"This should never happen to another president again."

President Donald Trump



"It is a matter for the voters, not this House."

Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga.